Provision of electricity in Dalit Bastis and Tribal Areas

99. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are rendering any assistance/propose to provide assistance to States, so as to enable them to provide electricity to Dalit bastis, Tribal areas and weaker sections of the society;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the financial allocation for this purpose during the current financial year, State-wise;

(c) whether the proposed targets are being achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. Government of India has introduced a scheme, "Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana" (RGGVY) in April 2005 - Scheme for Rural Electricity Infrastructure and Household Electrification for providing access to electricity to all households in the country by the year 2009, including Dalit Bastis, Tribal Areas and weaker sections of the society.

(b) The scope/objective of the scheme, fund allocation during 10th Plan and other relevant details have been brought out in Ministry of Power's OM dated 18th March, 2005 enclosed at Annexure [*See* Appendix 206 Annexure No. 3] An amount of Rs. 5000 crore has been allocated as capital subsidy during Tenth Plan period of which Rs. 1100 crore has been allocated for the current fiscal year.

(c) to (e) The programme is generally being implemented as per schedule. Based on the projects received from various States, Rural Electrification Corporation so far has cleared projects involving outlay of Rs. 586091.90 lakhs, covering electrification of 6482006 households including 4219415 BPL households in 182 districts of 20 States.